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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Elementary and Secondary Education - Mentoring Program Grants -**
3 **Requirements for Funding**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain plans for mentoring programs to require a
5 certain timing and frequency of meetings between teachers and mentors.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Education
8 Section 5-206.1
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1999 Replacement Volume and 2000 Supplement)

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

13 **Article - Education**

14 5-206.1.

15 (a) It is the intent of this section to provide competitive grants to encourage
16 county boards to expand and develop mentoring programs.

17 (b) Subject to the appropriation of funds in the annual State budget, the State
18 Superintendent annually shall distribute in accordance with the criteria specified in
19 subsection (c) of this section competitive grants to county boards for expansion of
20 mentor programs.

21 (c) (1) A county board applying for a grant under this section shall submit a
22 plan for funding to the State Superintendent.

23 (2) THE PLAN SHALL REQUIRE THAT MENTORS AND TEACHERS MUST
24 MEET:

25 (I) AT LEAST ONE TIME WITHIN THE FIRST MONTH OF CLASSES;
26 AND

1 (II) AT LEAST ONE TIME PER MONTH DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR.

2 [(2)] (3) The State Superintendent shall give priority to plans targeting
3 funds to schools in which 40% of the students receive free or reduced price meals.

4 [(3)] (4) In addition to the criteria in paragraph [(2)] (3) of this
5 subsection, the State Superintendent shall give priority to plans targeting funds to
6 schools in which:

7 (i) 50% or more of the teachers have 5 years or less of teaching
8 experience; or

9 (ii) Student achievement scores on local, State, and national
10 assessments are at or below a satisfactory level.

11 (d) The total grants distributed under this section for any fiscal year may not
12 exceed \$5,000,000.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
14 October 1, 2001.